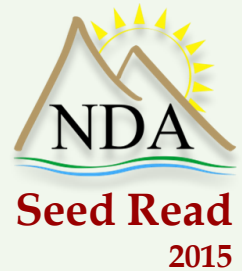


State of Nevada Department of Agriculture Seed Program Seasonal Newsletter



2014 Season Summary

The Department of Agriculture Seed Program has undergone many changes over the past year. Dr. Shouhua Wang managed the program for the 2014 season and did an incredible job doing so while simultaneously conducting his normal duties as the state's plant pathologist. NDA successfully certified 4278 acres worth of seed in the state. Those seed products consisted of alfalfa, wheat, triticale and garlic. We hope that those numbers will continue to rise each year and we are here to assist in meeting the certification needs of the state's growers.

New Seed Program Manager

In January of 2015 Russ Wilhelm was hired on at the Department.



Russ will be conducting all of the statutorily mandated seed certification duties for Nevada. He plans to dedicate his full attention to seed certification and all related activities to improve the program's efficiency. He also plans to open the doors to new opportunities in the state. Native seed certification and the utilization of our lab services for source identification are some of the new opportunities he's currently researching. He would like to develop a collaborative partnership with other state agencies in order to better develop relationships for conservation and restoration efforts in the state. Seed certification will be on the rise in the

coming years. NDA's promotional campaign will begin this season to market our services to a broader audience and expand the current services at NDA. In the past couple of years the seed program has not obtained as much publicity as it was due, but it is time for some deserved change. This year will be a year of initial development as well as a learning process to determine where changes need to be made. Addressing the concerns of stakeholders and working to improve program services are crucial priorities.

State Seed Lab

Our state seed lab is now open for services. Currently we are establishing and validating some tests that will be put into our portfolio that follow the Association of



Official Seed Analysts (AOSA) standards. The goal for the seed lab is to be fully functional and accessible for all varieties of seed.

Upcoming Applications

Applications are coming in for the 2015 season and we're very excited to see

the number of seed production fields keep rising. The time to submit applications for garlic seed has passed (due February 15th). If you have missed the deadline, please contact the Seed Program as soon as possible. The following dates are when other seed related applications are due each year:

Certified Seed Fee Due Dates	
Alfalfa Seed	May 1 st
Grass Seed	May 1 st
Clover Seed	May 1 st
Rapeseed Seed	May 1 st
Source Identified Seed	May 1 st
Potato Seed	May 15 th
Small Grain Seed	June 1 st
Bean Seed	June 1 st
Field Registration Due Dates	
Garlic Fields	March 30 th
Onion Fields	May 1 st

Application forms must be accompanied with applicable fee prior to the application due date to be accepted. The fee schedule is as follows:

Crop Type	\$/Acre	Field Registry Needed
Alfalfa	7.00	No
Bean	7.00	No
Clover	7.00	No
Garlic	Varies	Yes @ \$5 or \$14/acre
Grass	7.00	No
Potato	25.00	No
Rapeseed	7.00	No
Small grain	7.00	No
Source ID	Varies	No
Onion	N/A	Yes @ \$5 or \$14/acre

Seed Certification Website

The seed certification section of NDA's website will be modified to be more user friendly. All necessary forms will be hosted online so they will be easily accessible in a new, fillable .pdf format. This will allow for the submission of these forms over email with text components

filled in digitally. New pages will be created and updates to the site will occur on a continual basis. We are looking into a method for hosting lab analyses online for seed test; this would provide a quick, easy way to access lab testing results. Look forward to using the website more often for everything in the realm of seed. Forms and other seed program information is accessible from the NDA's main website at agri.nv.gov. From the main page, seed certification is located under the "plant" tab.

Nevada Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Board

The Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Board met in January and determined that they were going to maintain their National Alfalfa and Forage Alliance (NAFA) membership, making a donation that supports alfalfa research efforts. This is good publicity for Nevada. Also, a research project initiated by Dr. Doug Walsh of Washington State University will be funded by some of the board's donations. This project works to develop tools to assist in *Lygus* management. More information on this project can be obtained by contacting Russ at the information below.

Looking Forward

NDA is fully dedicated to providing services to the seed industry and looks forward to providing its services to the agricultural community. Feel free to contact me, I look forward to hearing from you.

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